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SUBJECT: STATUS WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY PROPOSAL TO
ASSIST QATARI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN ESTABLISHING AL
KHALIJ UNIVERSITY

1. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ARP FORWARDED TO EMBASSY BY AIR
POUCH A LETTER FROM WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TO
H.E. JASSIM BIN HAMMAD AL-THANI, QATARI MINED, CONTAINING
A PROPOSAL TO ASSIST QATARI EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS IN
ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR PROJECT TO ESTABLISH THE AL-KHALIJ
UNIVERSITY IN QATAR. EMBASSY WAS SIMPLY REQUESTED TO
FORWARD POUCHED LETTER TO JASSIM SINCE COMMERCIAL MAILINGS
OF THE SAME PROPOSAL HAD BROUGHT NO RESPONSE.

2. WEST VIRGINIA SPONSORS OF THIS OFFER HAVE NOW CONTACTED

ARP TO DETERMINE ANY POSSIBLE REACTION FROM QATARI MINED
TO THEIR PROPOSAL.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED APPROACH QATARI AUTHORITIES TO DETER-
MINE ANY POSSIBLE REACTION THEY MIGHT HAVE TO PROPOSAL FOR
ASSISTANCE IN AL-KHALIJ UNIVERSITY PROJECT FROM WEST VIR-
GINIA UNIVERSITY. INGERSOLL

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